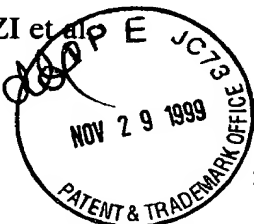


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Applicant: Eric BENAZZI et al : Group Art Unit: 1755
Serial No.: 09/103,528 : Examine: D. Sample
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For: EU-1 ZEOLITE CATALYST AND A PROCESS FOR IMPROVING THE
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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 27, 1999, please consider the remarks that follow.

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REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed August 27, 1999, are the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103. The examiner is thanked for indicating the withdrawal of other rejections, at page 2 of the Office Action.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102/§103

At the outset, it is submitted that the principal reason that the examiner has maintained the rejection is his failure to find the Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 submitted with the previous response probative. The examiner's failure to find the Declaration probative is the result of a typographical error in the Declaration. In particular, although it is argued in the Office Action that the silicon/aluminum ratios are not comparable in the example according to the invention the comparative example, in fact, the Declaration incorrectly indicates the ratio of catalyst C'4, the comparative catalyst, as being

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